



West Suffolk Fine Wine Society

Newsletter December 2023

Dear Members,

December seems to have arrived rather unexpectedly for me as I am not sure where the year has gone; a symptom of getting older I feel. This does explain why this newsletter is later than usual. However, Bury is looking extremely festive and it is a pleasure to be out and about in the evening.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **December 6th – The Wine Cellar-Pre Christmas drinks with light supper. 6.30pm**

All participants in this event will have received an email from Wynn with the specific arrangements for the night.

DATES IN 2024

- **January 15th (note this is the 3rd Monday, not the usual 2nd)**

Wines from Portugal and Port with chocolate. Great Barton Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Presented by Vikki Mills and Wynn Rees

Our first tasting of the new year features four delicious wines from Portugal and four ports matched with different hand-made artisan chocolate produced here in Bury St Edmunds. Portugal's reputation for producing high quality and good value wines is ever-increasing, and we will be tasting an interesting mix of examples. Not everyone associates tasting port with chocolate, but a visit to Porto would soon illustrate the increasing popularity of this match. We will taste four excellent ports, a white, a rosé, a 10-year-old tawny and a ruby (LBV) accompanied by a variety of chocolates. This should be an interesting and different tasting to warm us up for the new year.

Please book your place by paying online or by cheque

Cost £12 per person, Code PC.

Please book as soon as possible but definitely by January 8th.

- **February 12th tba**
- **March 11th** A return visit by Preet Sahota with wines from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Cost £11 per person, Code PS

- **April 17th Annual Dinner at the college (please note this is a Wednesday)- details to follow.**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is now the time for membership renewal.

At the AGM, the following increase in fees was agreed:

- Annual Subscription £30.00 per couple, £15.00 single.
- Tastings £11.00 per head but this may vary according to predicted cost as in the case of the January tasting.

Membership renewal form is attached.

You may pay in one of two ways.

1. by BACS using the reference code MR.
2. by cheque

Those of you paying by BACS may email the completed form to me sue.leake@btinternet.com

If you are paying by cheque, please send with the completed form to Hazel at the address below.

Hazel Denton
3, Abbeyfields
Haughley
IP14 3TA

Membership cards for the year 2024 will be issued after receipt of your renewal form. If you are attending our event in January, you may collect your membership card then. However, if you are unable to attend this event, please send a self-addressed envelope to Hazel and she will then issue your new membership card.

PLEASE NOTE YOUR 2023 CARD WILL EXPIRE ON JANUARY 15TH, 2024.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' BENEFITS-please ensure you have your membership card with you at the time.

The Three Kings Fornham St Martin, Hengrave Rd, Fornham All Saints, Bury St Edmunds
IP28 6LA. Tel. 01284 658866

10% discount off the final bill (food and drink) subject to availability and the following terms and conditions: Offer agreed by Chris Lee (Owner)

- *A booking must be made in advance, mentioning your membership number of the WSFWS*
- *At least two courses of food from the restaurant's main or classics menu must be ordered*

- *Not available on special days such as Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, Easter Sunday etc. Please check availability if in doubt.*
- *There may occasionally be other special offers/events available to members (information will be in the monthly newsletter)*
- *The offer will apply to all members in a group as long as one diner is a WSFWS member*

Adnams, Bury St Edmunds-10% off any purchase. Offer agreed by Tom Crittenden (Manager)

The Wine Cellar, Bury St Edmunds-10% off any purchase . Offer agreed by Bradley Dorrington (Owner)

The Angel Hotel, Bury St Edmunds-20% off any bottle of wine when purchased with at least two courses from the à la carte menu. Offer agreed by Ines Pastoriza (Front of House Manager)

Please support our partner businesses and take advantage of the discounts but report any difficulty you have redeeming the discounts.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Kind regards

Sue

Sue Leake Secretary, WSFWS